(ii) As on 4-3-1996, four letters of intent have been issued by the Ministry of Industry for expansion in the existing units, the details of which are as under:

S. No.	Short name of the factory	Expansion Capacity from	to (TCD)
Uttar Pradesh			
1.	Balrampur	5000	10000
2.	Babhnan	2500	3500
3.	Aira	2500	5000
4.	Biswan	2500	5000

(b) As on 4-3-1996, 11 applications received through the Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion for expansion in the existing units upto the minimum economic capacity of 2500 TCD, after March, 1994 were pending consideration as Licensing Policy for sugar industry was earlier under review.

(c) No, Sir.

Targets for Assam

1007. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state the details of implementation of different targets set out for Assam under the current Five Year Plan in the sphere of Food Processing, Public Distribution and Petroleum and Natural Gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): A Statement is enclosed.

Statement

Target for Assam under Current Five Year Plan

S. No.	Item	Unit	Target	Actual			Anti.	Target	Total 8th
			8th Plan	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	Plan (Anti.)
1.	**Crude Oil**		16.59*	2.52	2.76	2.88	2.92	2.99	14.07
	Production		20.44*	2.42	2.23	2.20	2.70	2.75	12.30
	(i) Oil	MMT							
	(ii) ONGC	MMT							
2.	**Natural Gas**		9438.90	1562.20	1522.05	1434.45	1492.85	1627.90	7639.45
	*i. OIL	MCM	5679.00	523.06	504.41	511.26	550.00	575.00	2663.73
	*ii. ONGC	MCM							
3.	**Public Distribution**		TARGETS NOT FIXED.						
4.	**Food Processing**		TARGETS NOT FIXED.						

*includes target of Arunachal Pradesh & Nagaland.

Post of Junior Scientist in Rubber Board

1008. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the post of Junior Scientist in the Biotechnology Division in the Rubber Board a candidate who was only an M.Sc. was selected while a number of other candidates with both Ph. D. and research experience appeared for the interview; and

(b) if so, the names and qualifications of the candidates who appeared for the

said interview and reasons for selecting that particular candidate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) We, Sir. However, three candiates holding Ph. D. degrees appeared for he written test but did not qualify for the interview.

(b) Names of candidates who appeared for interview are given below:—

1.	Sheeja T.E.	M.Sc (Biotech)
2.	Jayachandran K.	M.Sc (Biotech)
3.	Beena C.	M.Sc (Biochem)
4.	Narasimhan K.	M.Sc (Plant Science)
5.	Balasubramanian P.V.	M.Sc (Biochem)
6.	Rekha K.	M.Sc (Agri.)
7.	Valsala K.	M.Sc (Genetics Pl. Breeding)
8.	Bindu R. Panapalli	M.Sc (Biochem)
9.	Sabu K.K.	M.Sc BOT (Biotech)
10.	Soni K.B.	M.Sc (Biotech)

Out of the total of 184 applicants, only 56 attended the test, 3 out of 14 Ph. D. holders among the applicants truned up for the written test. 11 candidates who scored 60% marks and above were shortlisted for interview. 10 of them attended the interview. 6 found suitable for selection were ranked in order of marit. The first two Mr. K. Narasimhan and Mr. K.B. Soni were appointed.

Selling of Wheat and Rice by FCI

1009. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the quantity of wheat and rice sold by FCI under the open sale scheme during the last two years to Mill Owners and the small traders;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Mill Owners made bulk purchase and small traders could not avail of the benefit of the scheme;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that small traders also get the benefit of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (d) wheat:— Open sale of wheat was started with effect from October, 1993. Initially open sale of wheat was restricted to the Roller Flour Mills, Civil Supplies Corporations, Confectionaries, Bread Manufacturers, Cooperative Societies, Bakeries, Chakki owners, Super Bazar and Wholesale and Retail Foodgrains Licensed dealers. The conditions for possessing foodgrains licence had been done away with since 13-9-1994. Now any party/trader is free to purchase wheat from the open market under the open sale scheme. The quantity of wheat sold during the year 1994 and 1995 is as under:—

	(in lakh tonnes)
January, 1994 to December, 1994	42.31
January, 1995 to December, 1995	65.04

Rice:— The open sale of rice was started with effect from 1-1-1994. The sale was open to the wholesalers, retailers, foodgrains licence holders, Coop. Organisations, and State Civil Supplies Corp. Super Bazar etc. The quantity of rice sold under open sale scheme during the year 1994 and 1995 is as under:—

	(in tonnes)
January, 1994 to December, 1994	2.48
January, 1995 to December, 1995	14.48

For making open sale scheme more effective and to ensure that the benefits of the scheme are available to a large number of beneficiaries including small traders, wide publicity was given to open sale scheme and the minimum unit of sale of wheat was reduced from 20 tonnes to 5 tonnes and the minimum unit of sale of rice was gradually reduced from 10